

REMARKS


Applicant respectfully requests entry of the foregoing amendment prior to the prosecution of the application.

This Preliminary Amendment puts the claims into proper form for examination. Note that claims 4-7, 9-12 and 15-20 have been amended; new claims 21-27 have been added, and original claims 1-3, 8 and 13-14 remain unchanged. Kindly calculate the filing fee based on the amended claims.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney to discuss any matter which would expedite allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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